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The past decade has seen improvements on pollution control equipment for motorcycles, and most now come equipped with catalytic converters and other emissions control devices. However, many motorcycle enthusiasts remove the factory installed emissions control equipment and replace it with "custom" parts that create an exponentially higher amount of noise and air pollution.

These kinds of modifications are currently illegal in California, however there is no mechanism by which a law enforcement officer can tell whether a motorcycle has been tampered with.

SB 435 (Pavley) would require that every motorcycle registered in California retain its federally required EPA label, certifying that the motorcycle complies with federally established noise and emissions standards. This stamp is required on every motorcycle manufactured in the United States, and is a readily visible and simple indication of whether or not a motorcycle's emissions equipment has been tampered with or modified.

SB 435 establishes a tool for law enforcement to equitably enforce current law, is

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a reasonable solution to the present lack of enforcement of California statutes, and will reduce air and noise pollution caused by equipment tampering on motorcycles.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors instruct the CEO to send a letter on behalf of the Board of Supervisors to the Los Angeles County state legislative delegation urging the passage of SB 435 (Pavley) and instruct the County's legislative advocates in Sacramento to pursue the County's position on this bill for the improved public health and safety of residents throughout California.

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